

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended): A manufacturing method of a polarizing film comprising steps of: contacting a protective film (B) comprising at least two layers having different softening points onto at least one face of a polarizer (A) comprising a stretched polymer film made of dyed hydrophilic polymer film, without using an adhesive, and thermocompression bonding,

wherein a heating treatment is performed for a period of time of not more than five seconds.

2. (Currently amended): The manufacturing method of the polarizing film according to Claim 1, wherein ~~a~~ the heating treatment is performed from a side of the protective film (B).

3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently amended): The manufacturing method of the polarizing film according to Claim 2, wherein a temperature of the heating treatment ~~temperature~~ is not less than 90°C.

5. (Previously presented): The manufacturing method of the polarizing film according to Claim 1, wherein a pressurization is performed by applying a linear loads pressure at not less than 5 N/cm.

6. (Original): The manufacturing method of the polarizing film according to Claim 1, wherein thermocompression bonding is performed by applying a heating treatment and a pressurization simultaneously.

7-9. (Canceled)

10. (Previously presented): The manufacturing method of the polarizing film according to claim 5, wherein the pressurization is performed at not less than 20 N/cm.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Previously presented): The manufacturing method according to claim 1, wherein a softening point of a layer having a low softening point is not less than 80°C.

13. (Previously presented): The manufacturing method according to claim 1, wherein a softening point of a layer having a low softening point is not less than 90°C.

14. (Previously presented): The manufacturing method according to claim 1, wherein a difference between softening points of the layers is not less than 5°C.

15. (Previously presented): The manufacturing method according to claim 1, wherein a difference between softening points of the layers is not less than 10°C.

16. (Currently amended): A manufacturing method of a polarizing film comprising steps of:

contacting a protective film (B) comprising at least two layers having different softening points onto at least one face of a polarizer (A) comprising a dyed hydrophilic polymer film, without using an adhesive, and

thermocompression bonding,

wherein a heating treatment is performed for a period of time of not more than five seconds.

17. (Previously presented): The manufacturing method according to claim 1, wherein the polarizer (A) has a thickness of about 5 to about 80 microns.

18. (Canceled)

19. (Canceled)

20. (Previously presented): The manufacturing method of the polarizing film according to Claim 2, wherein a pressurization is performed by applying a linear loads pressure at not less than 5 N/cm.

21. (Canceled).

22. (Previously presented): The manufacturing method of the polarizing film according to Claim 4, wherein a pressurization is performed by applying a linear loads pressure at not less than 5 N/cm.

23. (Previously presented): The manufacturing method of the polarizing film according to Claim 2, wherein thermocompression bonding is performed by applying the heating treatment and a pressurization simultaneously.

24. (Canceled).

25. (Previously presented): The manufacturing method of the polarizing film according to Claim 4, wherein thermocompression bonding is performed by applying the heating treatment and a pressurization simultaneously.

26. (Previously presented): The manufacturing method of the polarizing film according to Claim 5, wherein thermocompression bonding is performed by applying a heating treatment and the pressurization simultaneously.

27-32. (Canceled)

33. (New): The manufacturing method of the polarizing film according to Claim 16, wherein the heating treatment is performed from a side of the protective film (B).

34. (New): The manufacturing method of the polarizing film according to Claim 33,

wherein a temperature of the heating treatment is not less than 90°C.

35. (New): The manufacturing method of the polarizing film according to Claim 16, wherein a pressurization is performed by applying a linear loads pressure at not less than 5 N/cm.

36. (New): The manufacturing method of the polarizing film according to Claim 16, wherein thermocompression bonding is performed by applying a heating treatment and a pressurization simultaneously.